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ARPA-YY002120

Project Intake Name	ARPA-YY002120	Status	Eligibility Review
Entity Type	State agency	Organization Name	Administrative Office of the Courts, a division of the Oklahoma Supreme Court
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Project Information

Project Purpose	The Oklahoma Supreme Court is committed to ensuring equal access to justice for all individuals regardless of their ability to communicate in the spoken English language. Interpreters play an essential role in ensuring due process and helping court proceedings function efficiently and effectively. This proposal encompasses four electronic enhancements to ensure interpreting is used when appropriate while ensuring the safety of both the interpreter and the client in the midst of a pandemic. These enhancements will support COVID-19 response efforts to continue to decrease spread of the virus and bring the pandemic under control, will increase social distancing and protection of court officials and patrons, and are needed to satisfy Department of Justice requirements for language access services inside and outside the courtroom.	Program Category	Addressing Negative Economic Impacts
Project Completed by Deadline	Yes	Sub-Category	Other Economic Support
Requested Funding Amount	\$668,250.00	Estimated Project Duration	18-24 months
Prior Similar Project Completed	No		
Performance Measuring	This project involves one-time purchases of interpreting equipment and translated forms to enhance language access in the Oklahoma courts. Project performance will be measured by the successful installation of the purchased items, and utilization by the courts, interpreters, and the public. Programmatic data related to use of court forms and courtroom equipment is not captured in our existing systems, but implementation will be tracked for each county and statewide, and utilization data will be gathered, if it is available.	Prior Amount Committed	
Project Administration	Yes, I would administer the project	Evidence	The Civil Rights Division of the DOJ has stated the language access requirements of Title VI continue to apply to the courts, even during the pandemic. See, e.g., https://www.lep.gov/leading-coordinated-civil-rights-response-coronavirus-covid-19 . The pandemic has required courts to innovate, increase the use of remote proceedings, and expand technology into court operations. This project involves remote interpreting equipment and translated information which enhances the ongoing innovation efforts to administer justice via virtual technologies. Improving the remote interpreting technology will enable the Oklahoma courts to fulfill their constitutional mission of providing language access to limited English proficient persons during the pandemic.
Support Qualified Census Tract	Unknown	Resident County	
Qualified Census Tracts to be Impacted			

Project Impact

Impacted Counties	Statewide
Population Description	According to the US Census COVID-19 Impact Report, Oklahoma has a population of approximately 145,000 who speak English "less than very well." https://uscensus.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/7f254e8861bd48df9532fc6e6e829571 . Racial and ethnic minority communities face ongoing challenges in the pandemic, as they may be disproportionately affected by chronic medical conditions and lower access to healthcare that may result in worse COVID-19 outcomes. Furthermore, minority communities may be more likely to experience living and working conditions that expose them to worse health, housing, employment, and financial conditions than non-minority communities.
# of Oklahomans to Benefit	500,000-1,000,000

Maximize Funding

Other COVID-19 Relief Funds Received	Yes	Other COVID-19 Relief Funds Amount	\$1,740,000.00
Pre-Existing Project/Program	No		
Matching/Co-Investment Available	No	Other Assets	
Ongoing Investment Required	Able to continue operation without additional funding from the State of Oklahoma	Ongoing Investment Amount	
Ongoing Investment Description			
Revenue Generation	No	Revenue Generation Amount	
Other Federal Funding	Yes		
Federal Grant Description	Grant for Court Improvement Project specific to supporting judges handling juvenile deprived cases.		
Federal Grant Annual Amount	\$420,000.00		
Prior Funds Committed Description			
Matching Co Investment Description			

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